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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This response is to the restriction requirement mailed October 11, 2000. A restriction requirement was presented for the following species:

Group A:

Species I, Figure 3

Species II, Figure 4

Species III, Figure 5

Group B:

Species IV, Claim 18

Species V, Claim 19

Species VI, Claim 20

Applicants hereby elect Species I for prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

Claims readable on Species I include: 23-24 and 28-39,

Applicant's representative wishes to apologize for the mistaken filing of the preliminary amendment on May 24, 2000 that added 21 new claims (now identified as Claims 66-86). These claims are identical to present claims 23-43. Therefore, Claims 66-86 are hereby requested to be canceled. Further, it is assumed that Claims 40-42 define Species IV, V and VI, respectively, since they are identical with the claims (18, 19 and 20 of the Preliminary Amendment) identified in the Restriction Requirement with these Species.

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